### THE CHARTER NOT READY.

TWENTY DAYS MORE ASKED BY THE COMMISSION.

REMARKABLE EXPEDIENT ADOPTED BY THE AS-SEMBLY LEADER TO "JAM THROUGH" A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME

FOR REPORTING THE CHARTER. Albany, Jan. 29 (Special).-The Legislature received word from the Greater New-York Commission this morning that it would be unable to complete its work by February 1, as provided in the law by which it was constituted. The letter conveying this information read as follows:

New-York City, January 28, 1897.

To the Legislature: It is needful that this Commission should have twenty days further time to complete the charter for the consolidated city of New-York, prepared by it conformably to Chapter 88 of the Laws of 1896. The Commission has labored diligently since its appointment to comply interally with the directions of the Legislature that it should report finally on or before February 1, 1897. The proposed charter is substantially finished. Little is to be done, except to revise the text in order to correct defects of terms, to eliminate repetitions, to supply inadvertent omissions, and generally to perfect the form of the charter as a whole. The Commission is confident that it can finish its work by February 29, and that no further time will be required by it, and it therefore respectfully requests that the time for the submission of its final report be extended to that date. By order of the Commission.

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The Republican leaders attempted to meet the situation presented by this letter by passing a resolution extending the time within which the Commission may submit its report. Mr. Nixon, the Republican leader in the Assembly, without writing out a resolution, as is necessary according to the rules, presented a resolution by word of mouth. In effect it was a motion, not a written resolution. This invention of a "vocal resolution" met with objection from Mr. Finn, the Democratic leader. He said he favored extending the time of the Commission, but he desired time to consider the resolution. Such resolutions under the rules of the Assembly must be laid aside for a day if there is objection to their immediate consideration. Such objection was made, but Mr. Nixon "jammed" through the resolution by a vote of 82 to 7.

In the Senate Mr. Cantor and Mr. Grady had heard that the "resolution" was coming, and had warned the Senators that they would make the point of no quorum. Accordingly, Senator Ellsworth, the Republican leader, decided not to make a contest, and, upon his motion, the Sen-

ate adjourned.

Senator Cantor this afternoon said: "I am very sorry indeed that the Greater New-York Comsorry indeed that the Greater New-York Commission was unable to complete its work within the time prescribed by law. The statute under which they were appeinted made it obligatory upon them to present to the Legislature a complete charter on or before February 1, 1897, while the Commission itself was to remain in existence until March 1. If the Commission had been unable to finish its labors it should have applied in time to the Legislature, so that an act could be passed amending the law of last year. That would have been the orderly procedure. Instead of that, however, these gentlemen, acting probably under the suggestion of the Republicans in control of legislative matters, have requested us, in violation of the statute passed last year requiring them to report by February 1, to extend the time for making their report by joint resolution to February 20. It is a disorderly procedure, as we have no power to amend a statute by joint resolution."

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The Statutory Revision Commission seems to The Statutory Revision Commission seems to be of the opinion that the Legislature cannot by concurrent resolution extend the time within which the Greater New-York Commission may make its report. Assemblyman Abell, of Brooklyn, is also of this opinion. He has introduced a bill which amends the law of last year under which the Commission was created, by extending the time therein stated for the Commission to report from February 1 to February 20.

POLICE DISCUSS THE CHARTER NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN OFFICERS SUGGEST

Acting Inspector Thompson was elected chairman. It was decided that the meetings of the committee should be in secret. They discussed at some length the serious effect of the new law present administration shall have expired we will some length the serious effect of the new in search in vain for any tangible monument created which gave to the Commissioners the Danastment at from the proceeds of the \$45,000,000 of annual taxes." duce all the superior officers of the Department at | fr will as low as the rank of roundsman. This, it is

Albany, Jan. 29.-Assemblyman Wilson, of Brooklyn, to-day introduced a bill providing that, upon new municipality shall establish and Brooklyn, the new municipality shall establish and maintain ferries across the East River, one of which shall be from a place between Fulton and Rutgers sts., New-York, to Washington-ave., Brooklyn, and the other from near Corlears-st., New-York, to near Washington-ave., Brooklyn. The rate of ferriage is fixed at two cents for adults and one cent for children. the consolidation of New-York and Brooklyn, the

WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

The Greater New-York Commission held an executive session yesterday to consider and pass upon the few questions remaining to be settled. To close these matters Commissioners De Witt, Gilroy and Finney were appointed as a Committee, on Revision. A committee to prepare the report to the Legislature was appointed. It was composed of Commissioners Low, Woodford and Dillon, with General Tracy, president, as member ex-officio. Ex-Judge Dillon's draft of the amendments relating to the chapter on franchises was adopted after a few minor amendments had been added.

The chapter relating to condemnation proceedings was amended so as to give jurisdiction to the courts of the Second Judicial District equally with the First Judicial District. The Commission adjourned until Friday next. Pinney were appointed as a Committee, on Re-

NO COUNSEL FOR LEXOW'S COMMITTEE.

THE TRUST INVESTIGATORS WILL FURNISH

THEIR OWN LEGAL INFORMATION. Albany, Jan 29 (Special).-Senator Lexow, chairman of the Trust Investigating Committee, made a welcome announcement to-day when he said that the committee would employ no counsel, as it

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Guard of the State and been honorably discharged on the therefrom, shall, on their request, be placed on the retired list and receive half-pay for the rest of their lifetime.

HOME RULE IN TAXATION. senany, Jan. 29.-A bill to provide for home rule a taxation was introduced in the Assembly today by Edward C. Brennan, of Brooklyn. The bill is designed to enable the cities to exempt personal property from taxation for local purposes, if they so determine by a vote of their Aldermen.

TAMMANY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM SOHMER ELECTED CHAIRMAN-THE DIS-

TRICT LEADERS. The Tammany Hall Committee on Organization, in which Henry D. Purroy and his followers were unrepresented, met last evening in the basement of the Wigwam, in East Fourteenth-st., and placed at its head William Sohmer, the Register, in place of Mr. Purroy. There was an exhibition of loyalty to John C. Sheehan, whom Mr. Purrey delights to call the alien deputy leader, and it was made plain that the man from Buffalo was in command of the

When the Committee on Organization met it was called to order by James J. Martin, who presented George W. Plunkitt as the temporary chairman, and then the list of permanent officers of the com-A committee representing the police departments of New-York and Brooklyn met vesterday afternoon in the room of Deputy Chief Cortright, at Police Headquarters. The committee represented a men which he declared that Tammany held the unshaken confidence of the Democrater relating to the Police Department of Greater New-York, as presented by the Commission. gether and confronted the enemy with a solid phalanx of 141,000 faithful adherents." He attacked

will as low as the rank of roundsman. This, it is thought, would break the discipline of the Department and greatly affect it. They also touched on the subject of the equalization of salaries, the age limit, the pension fund and the majority of the changes proposed in the new charter. It was decided to allow Chairman Thompson to a resolution, which will be presented to the Legislature or the Greater New-York Commission, in which will be stated the objections the committee will have against the new charter.

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The other officers of the committee decided with Mr. Sohmer were George W. Plunkitt, Thaddeus Mr. Sohmer were George W.

PUBLIC FERRIES FOR GREATER NEW-YORK resolution was passed with more applause. It would have made Henry D. Purroy turn green with envy to hear the shouts of the faithful and see the crowd fawn upon the man from Buffalo. After passing Mr. Shechan's resolution the committee ad-

> Following are the names of the Assembly district leaders and associate leaders, who are members of the Tammany Executive Committee, except in the XXXIIId District, where the contest is still

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prominent leaders in the anti-Sheehan movement were arranging for a grand reception for McIntyre and his client.

POLITICAL NOTES.

One of the curious features of the struggle for the United States Senatorship at Olympia is that small as the vote is for every candidate, all the candidates, or those who hope to be or possibly think they are, are not yet in the race. The race itself, according to "The Tacoma Ledger," seems to have for its object who shall be hindmost, "and to have for its object who shall be hindmost, "and for this place Squire and Turner start as if more than comident of winning—one got 3 and the other 16 votes." Colonel Mary Hobart is the only woman candidate. She found herself with one admirer. A great deal of ill-feeling exists between several of the candidates. There is talk of corruption or attempts at it, and altogether enough noise and confusion to drive simple-minded and pure-hearted reformers well-nigh to distraction. "The Ledger" finds a little consolation in the fact that "the pale star of reform is still visible, and while it shines there is still room for hope."

Lloyd Brice and Judge Tourgee have expressed the opinion that the Democratic party is destined to grow and the Republican party to wane, unless some unexpected event changes the tendency. "The Buffalo Times" thinks their statement carries weight in that they are opponents of the Democratic party, or, at least, opposed it in the recent election.

Some of the queer things that happen in Con gress these days, and several other things that ought to happen and do not, are explained to "The Minneapolis Times" by the fact that the mining camps of Nevada, Idaho and Wyoming, with less than 200,000 population, have six United States Senators, while New-York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, with a population of 17,000,000, have only the same number.

If it accomplished no other result, the memora-ble campaign of 1896 more than justified itself in its awakening of the conscience of the Nation, It brought men to a realizing sense of the responsi-bility of the rich, as well as the poor, for what they owe to the Government under which they live. It is "The Buffalo Times" that talks in this way, and it is the same paper that declares Con-troller Roberts, because of the arguments he sets forth in his report, to be entitled to praise for his boldness in advocating a plan which will certainly place him in the catalogue of the Anarchists. brought men to a realizing sense of the responsi

"The Chicago Times-Herald" is an ardent supporter of "Billy" Mason, and is firm in its belief that those who now speak slightingly of him will find his case to be parallel with that of Stephen A. Douglas, who was elected Senator from Illinois exactly fifty years ago. Mr. Douglas had the repuexactly fifty years ago. Mr. Douglas had the reputation of being a rounder, a hall fellow with the boys and a smart and ambitious politician. The idea of sending bim to the United States Senate to sit as a peer of Calhoun, Webster and Clay was regarded with as much amazement as that created by the election of Mr. Mason. However, he went to Washington, and proved his title to the seat, and from "Little Doug" became known as the "Little Giant." He won the party leadership, and no man, not Clay nor Jackson, had more devoted followers than he, and it was at his behest, says "The Herald," that they rushed to the saving of the Union. "Mr. Douglas was one of the most faithful of Senators," it adds, "and greatly served the State that honored him. His career and that of Mr. Mason have many paralle's. May they also be alike in this."

Charles T. Saxton is another statesman who is praying to be delivered from his fool friends at

The manifesto issued by Chairman Johnson, of the Democratic State Central Committee, to County Committeemen all over the State of Kentucky, rescinding the order of last fall not to affiliate with gold-standard Democrats, is considered a backdown of silver men.

Six Senators are still to be elected to fill the places of those whose terms begin on March 4. Four of the six are from west of the Missouri-South Dakots, Utah, Oregon and Washington. There is a hot contest on in each of the States, and it promises to be protracted indefinitely. A Republican ought to be chosen in Oregon, but Democrats or Populists are the best that can be hoped for from the other three States. A Republican Senator will be chosen in Kentucky and a Democrat in Florida.

Ex-Senator Winton's expressed hope of seeing Ex-Senator Winton's expressed hope of seeing Mr. Cleveland the next Governor of New-Jersey is regarded by "The Paterson Press" as a joke. It is undoubtedly causing Mr. Winton a great deal of amusement to see the matter taken up seriously by some of the papers, for he must be tamiliar with the Constitution of New-Jersey, which makes a residence of seven years in the State a necessary qualification for the office of Governor.

THEIR TENTH ANNUAL RECEPTION.

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The tenth annual reception and entertainment of The tenth annual reception and entertainment of the employes of R. H. Macy & Co., under the au-spices of the Macy Mutual Aid, took place last even-ing at the Lenox Lyceum. The employes were out in force, and their guests showed their apprecia-tion of the arrangements for their entertainment by the goal with reliable their enjoyed themselves. by the zest with which they enjoyed themselves There were about 1.500 persons all told present, and the bright dresses of the women, together with the decorations of the hall, made the scene an attrac-

A musical entertainment of excellent selections was given from 8 o'clock until 11:30, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A reception followed, with light refreshments, and the programme ended with a dance.

The members of the society expressed themselves as highly pleased with the entertainment, speaking of it as one of the most successful they had ever held.

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

Washington, Jan. 29.-The Secretary of War has Washington, Jan. 29.—The Secretary of War has made the following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted: Major Louis H. Rucker to the 4th Cavairy, Major Eli L. Huggins to the 6th Cavairy, Captain Philip P. Powell to the 9th Cavairy, Troop M; Captain Lloyd M. Brett to the 2d Cavairy, Troop F; First Lieutenant George T. Langhorne to the 1st Cavairy, Troop I; First Lieutenant Ulysses G. Kemp to the 7th Cavairy, Troop E: First Lieutenant Charles Young, to, the 7th From The San Francisco Chronicle.

In the ground come drops of pure, fresh water, which, ander development and by collection, increase within a mile to a mighty stream, flowing 7,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. The water is neither artesian nor spring in character, say A. G. Booth, the lawyer, and J. Dalzell Brown, the banker, who recently visited the locality. It has long been a tradition in the arid district adjacent to the old San Fernando Mission that a subterrancean stream flowed from the distant Slerra, but it is only recently that partial verification has been given to this local belief.

Below a stratum of twenty feet of light soil, says Mr. Booth, a mass of very coarse gravel bearing water is found. Its depth is from fifty-seven to sixty-five feet, and it rests upon a hard blue clay that holds the water. For a mile a flume has been constructed by the West Los Angeles Water Company. This ditch is six feet wide and four feet deep. Built through the coarse gravel, the water percolates from all shoes into the duct, and steadily increases in volume until the daily flow is claimed to be 7,000,000 gallons. Thus far the water has been conducted through thirty-inch pipe for a distance of seven miles toward Los Angeles. At some points upon the line it furnishes water for irrigation. The ultimate intention of the owners is to supply the water solely for domestic purposes in West Los Angeles, where they have franchises for laying mains, and to the Soldiers' Home of 2,000 inmates at Santa Monica, under contract with the United States Government. At present much of the water is going to waste, as it cannot all be used. E: First Lieutenant Charles Young, to the 7th 'avairy, Troop H; First Lleutenant Alfred C. Merillat, to the 2d Cavalry, Troop M; First Lieutenant Robert B. Wallace to the 2d Cavalry, Troop G; First Lieutenant Francis C. Marshall, to the 6th Cavalry, Troop F. Additional Second Lieutenant Oila W. Bell to a vacancy of second lieutenant oila W. Bell to a vacancy of second lieutenant oila W. Bell to a vacancy of second lieutenant Abraham G. Lott to a vacancy of second lieutenant Abraham G. Lott to a vacancy of second lieutenant and Karaham G. Lott to a vacancy of second lieutenant, 8th Cavalry, Troop L; additional Second lieutenant, 8th Cavalry, Troop L; additional Second lieutenant Samuel F. Dallam to a vacancy of second lieutenant william Kelly, F. to a vacancy of second lieutenant William Kelly, F. to a vacancy of second lieutenant George T. Summerlin to a vacancy of second lieutenant George T. Summerlin to a vacancy of second lieutenant George T. Summerlin to a vacancy of second lieutenant Atham K. Cavalry, Troop P. additional Second Lieutenant Joseph D. Leitch to the 7th Infantry, Company K. First Lieutenant Joseph D. Leitch to the 7th Infantry, Company R. Captain Frank Baker is ordered from duty at the Watertown Arsenal to inspection duty at Providence, and First Lieutenant Ormond M. Lissak from inspection duty at Petersburg, Va., to the Watertown Arsenal.

Captain Henry D. Berup, Ordnance Department, is ordered to Sandy Hook proving ground, Sandy Hook, N. J., to test mortar carriages.

First Lieutenant Harry C. Benson, 4th Cavalry, is ordered to examination for promotion. First Lieutenant Thomas J. Lewis, 2d Cavalry, First Lieutenant A. C. Macomb, 5th Cavalry, First Lieutenant Colonel S. T. Cushing, assistant commissary-general Cavalry, Troop F. Additiona, Second Lieutenant Olla W. Bell to a vacancy of second lieutenant, 3d

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